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LETTERS

Cloaking the dagger

With regard to Sen. Eugene McCarthy's THE CIA IS GETTING OUT OF HAND [Jan. 4-11], I suggest the senator read Stewart Alsop's THE FAILURE OF CONGRESS and your editorial, THE WATERLOGGED CONGRESS, both in your Dec. 7 issue. From all I've been reading about Congress lately, I certainly don't want the Central Intelligence Agency, whose work is so vital to the security of our country, reporting to a congressional committee.

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- If we must have someone looking over the CIA's shoulder, let's have it be a statesman, not a group of politicians.

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- Whereas the senator would set up another committee to watch over the CIA, I would have it abolished.

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- I think the CIA should answer to the President, and the President only.

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- What the senator fails to stress is the extent and intensity of the Russians' worldwide subversive activities. It is my understanding that 500,000 persons are working for the Russians as undercover agents throughout the world. This challenge cannot be met by an intelligence-gathering group that knows all, sees all and does nothing about it. Nor can our operation be secret if we let a congressional committee of 18 people in on everything. We might as well publish the CIA's findings in the newspapers.

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